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I-H Repeal Drive Mounting As Hearings Near Conclusion

Labor Chiefs Bombard Anti-Labor Law at Senate Hearings

Washington, D. C. — Gaping holes were torn in the crumbling fabric of the Taft-Hartley Act as labor's top leaders concentrated their bombardments on

it at Senate hearings on the Thomas repealer bill.

With the hearings rapidly

drawing toward conclusion, even Senator Robert A. Taft, co-author of the law, was on the run as he publicly conceded that

many sections of his legislative monstrosity would have to be abandoned or drastically

But organized labor, gaining new support in both Democratic and Republican ranks each day,

continued to press for outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act with reenactment of the Wag-

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A tense and bitter fight still looms, however, when the Senate Labor Committee finally ends

the hearings, approves the Thomas bill substantially in its present form and brings out the measure to the Senate floor for

debate and action. The Taft-Hartley forces are still desperately anxious to salvage

whatever anti-labor restrictions they can from the infamous law and they are seeking voting alliances with some of the South-

ances with some of the Southern Democrats who are cool toward the Truman administration. Furthermore, the situa-

tion is still uncertain in the House, which has thus far marked time on the repeal bill.

1. AFL President William Green delivered a smashing attack on the

2 Senator Wayne Morse of Ore-

gom, in a brilliant legal analysis of the section of the Taft-Hartley law on injunctions, fully upheld Mr. Green's charge that it decreed slave

3. Richard Gray, president of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department, told the committee that organized labor had no

minities that organized labor had rendered construction and production miracles during the war under closed shop conditions and charged that since the passage of the Taft-Hartley

4. Startling and effective support for the closed shop was provided by

an outstanding employer representative, Paul M. Geary, executive vice president of the National Electrical Contractors Association. He testified that under closed shop condi-

tions his organization and the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have built up machinery which has functioned effec-

tively and productively for 29 years without a strike. "You cannot have a responsible union unless you give it the means of achieving respon-

It is believed certain that the Senate Labor Committee, with solid Democratic support and possibly with the help of two or three Repub-

virtually as is. However, a free-for-all is expected when the measure comes to the Senate floor, for under

Senate rules any number of amendments may be offered from the floor and voted upon before a final vote is taken on the bill.

followers hope to insert into the Thomas bill many of the separate provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act which will be knocked out entirely in the

committee draft. This piecemeal attack is likely to become dangerous unless organized labor and its friends in the Senate maintain constant vig-

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8 PERCENT WAGE HIKE

wage increase for employees of the Ackland Knitting Co. here has been announced following negotiations between the company and Local 137 of the AFL-Gluxe Workers Union.

Earl Willi, local president, said the old contract would be continued "with some changes and adjustments." The new contract, which includes a wage

In addition to the 8 percent increase, employees will receive vaca-

The Ackland company, which has branches in Savannah, Ga., and

branches in Pennsylvania and Ontario, employs about 230 persons at its main branch at Ballston Spa.
